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majority. Really, now, aren't you floundering beyond your depth in discussing the tariff and majority rule?

Now that registration is over, is there a fair-minded man in Montana who does not believe that the disfranchisement of hundreds of voters in the remote and sparsely settled regions of the state was a cruel, unjust and unnecessary act? The democratic party is pledged to a modification of this law to the end that every man in the state who is entitled to vote, shall enjoy that right without being subjected to the hardship of long and expensive journeys, absence from home and loss of time. See that you vote for democratic members of the legislature who will amend the law.

NOW FOR THE FINISH!

The united democracy of Montana, thoroughly organized and acting in harmony, have conducted a splendid canvass for the registration of votes. Working under a law that was framed in the first place to make voting difficult, and that was made doubly burdensome in the second place by the acts of republican commissioners in designating inaccessible places of registration, the state and county committees have accomplished a task that any other set of men than the Hon. Marcus Daly and the able men who have assisted him would have deemed well-nigh impossible.

We believe the fight was virtually won for democracy when the registry books closed last night. But it must stay won! It is still possible to lose it by carelessness or overconfidence. We are dealing with enemies who are crafty, cunning, full of resources, with the full power of an unscrupulous federal administration behind them and with coffers overrunning with money. The situation that confronts the republicans of Montana to-day is desperate and they will fight with all the energy of despair. Every device, every trick that cunning can suggest, every form of misrepresentation that can injure our candidates, will be resorted to in the hope of breaking the democratic majority that now stands against them.

We must hold our lines! Let every point be guarded. Strengthen the weak places, watch the strong points lest even they be assaulted; hold every inch of ground we have gained! Our leaders are men who have never known defeat, and our cause is the cause of popular government. They are worth fighting for as the democrats of Montana have never fought before. And we'll do it!

J. FENIMORE COOPER'S CENTENARY.

The thousands of readers of THE INDEPENDENT who have perused with avidity the thrilling "Leather Stocking Tales" and the breezy sea romances of James Fenimore Cooper might do worse than observe the centenary of his birth to-day by renewing their acquaintance with those marvelous works of fiction, which have done more to establish a real American literature than all the superlative writings of Henry James and William Dean Howells and the host of their imitators in the modern school of analytical fiction. The robust, breezy style of Cooper will serve as a tonic to minds enervated by the "suppressed emotionalism" of the later writers. It will take the reader out into the forests and upon the broad green prairies, beside purpling brooks or to the banks of roaring torrents, or it will set him where the salt sea air will envelop him as a mantle, where the spray of the ocean will dash upon him, where the whistling of the wind through the ropes will be to him an inspiration. If Cooper's pictures of Indian life and character are rose-colored, let us remember that all artists idealize. The conquering race has suffered no injury from the glamour of romance which Cooper threw about the Indian race, and it is quite conceivable that the fictitious nobility with which he endowed the red men has mitigated in a measure the harshness of the treatment which, in the nature of things, fell to their lot.

An intense American, it was yet the fortune of James Fenimore Cooper to incur the accusation from the press of his native country and from his fellow-Americans of being more royalist than republican. A great deal of this was due to the fact that his early education had been entrusted to an English tutor, who guided him past the bitter prejudice which characterized Americans during the first half of the nineteenth century in relation to everything British. Added to this, Cooper traveled extensively and acquired a cosmopolitan tone which was shared by fewer Americans of his time than of the present era of rapid communication between the old world and the new. He was a close observer and more keen as a critic than Americans of his day could tolerate. He defended the republic against the aspirations of English and French royalists, but admitted the possession of faults in our system of government. The consequences were controversies with such American journalists as Thurlow Weed, James Watson Webb, William L. Stone and Horace Greeley, all of whom carried the quarrel to the point of personal denunciation, which included unjust condemnation of the literary work of Mr. Cooper. The latter was not lacking in pugnacity, and fought his enemies of the press with

their own weapons and also in the courts, where he won numerous suits for damages for libel. The result was injurious to all concerned; but looking back fifty years it is easier to sympathize with Cooper than with his journalistic malingerers. The same causes that brought about his controversies with the newspapers cost Cooper the friendship of his neighbors of Cooperstown and other parts of Otsego county, New York, and he died practically without friends in his own home.

While Cooper is best known by his Indian tales and frontier romances, the best of his stories are of the ocean. This is in some measure due to his familiarity with sailor life, for he had served before the mast in the merchant marine and been an officer in the United States navy for several years. It is singular, but perhaps not altogether exceptional, that the story which Cooper thought his best, "The Bravo," is almost as little read as the unfortunate work, "Home as Found," which did his infinite harm because of its bitterly personal character. A full list of Cooper's works would occupy nearly a column of space in THE INDEPENDENT and includes, besides his romances of land and sea, accounts of travels in foreign countries, essays on government and literature, and a history of the United States navy. He began literary work when 30 years of age, but accomplished very little during the first six years, so that twenty-six years practically covered the period of authorship with him. Few writers have done so much in so short a period and done it as well as Cooper did his work. American literature profited greatly by his having lived and labored. Until Washington Irving, no American author received the recognition abroad that was accorded to Cooper. The "Last of the Mohicans," "The Pilot" and "Lionel Lincoln," each widely different from the other in matter and style, are still popular with readers of fiction, in spite of the lapse of time since they first issued from the press, and are monuments to the memory of him who was born one hundred years ago to-day.

THE lead producers of Montana know that Joseph K. Toole served them faithfully and well at Washington in endeavoring to secure a reversal of the Treasury ruling relating to the admission of Mexican lead. The tariff had nothing to do with the case. It was a question of construction of the law. All that the producers asked was the enforcement of the existing law, whatever it might be. Mr. Toole, in their behalf, appealed to the secretary of the Treasury and to both houses of congress. The Judiciary committee of the United States Senate, composed of able republican lawyers, reported adversely on a resolution offered by Senator Stewart, of Nevada, which construed the law so as to shut out Mexican lead. That adverse report governed the Treasury Department in its action, or non-action, on the question and left the lead men without redress. They have appealed thus far in vain to Secretary Windom for a different construction of the law. The obnoxious ruling still stands. Whether or not Mr. Windom will juggle with it for election purposes in Montana remains to be seen. Even if he should make a new ruling it would not stand, for the reason that Stephen B. Elkins, the man who put Windom in the cabinet, is interested in the Mexican mines. That is a fact that the lead men of Montana will not lose sight of. Attorney Carter cannot fool them about that.

THE voters of Marysville, regardless of party, should cast their ballots for Mr. Padbury for justice of the peace. His opponent, Justice John Roberts, is not the man for the taxpayers to support. His last return to the county commissioners was sent back with this endorsement: "Examined and ordered filed and the clerk is hereby ordered to notify Justice Roberts that his report in civil cases shows that he has made illegal charges. (Signed.) E. Beach, Chairman."

THE nominee of the democrats for county superintendent of schools, Miss C. L. Turney, is an experienced educator, thorough instructor and in ever way fitted for the place. She taught for ten years in the public schools of St. Joseph, Mo., and when she resigned to come to Montana was principal in a school which had eight hundred pupils. Her record as principal of St. Peter's school of this city and at Marysville is of the best. Miss Turney should be elected.

AN American chemist has proved that ramie can be utilized as a perfect substitute for the cotton plant. Ramie is indigenous to China and possesses so many of the qualities of the Chinese that King Cotton will well demand a protective tariff or a restrictive act for its benefit. It yields three crops a year, is perennial and requires but little cultivation, while it is little affected either by excessive rains or drought.

ONE democratic candidate for the house of representatives whose election is assured, by capacity, fitness and personal popularity are elements of strength, is W. C. Whaley, the joint nominee for Jefferson and Gallatin. His constituency should give him a rousing majority.

WHETHER are we drifting? The board of education of Santa Rosa, Cal., has issued a course forbidding teachers to read novels during school hours. Next we know teachers will be forbidden to chew gum in the presence of their pupils.

Pension Office Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Hon. William Warner, of Missouri, had another long interview with the secretary of the interior to-day and afterwards in company with the secretary called on the president. Secretary Noble said to-day he had no desire either to suppress or make public the report of the commission investigating the affairs of the pension office. It is understood the report will be delivered to him to-day.

CROSS-CUTS.

The stockholders of the Eiffel tower in Paris have already received dividends of 429 per cent.

The richest man in the British house of commons is said to be Mr. McEwan, home rule member for one of the divisions of Edinburgh, worth \$30,000 per annum.

The Spanish government is much distressed at the steady increase of emigration, chiefly of able-bodied peasants and the working classes, to South America.

The secretary of the interior when he is traveling about the country writes his name on the hotel register "Hon. John W. Noble," and he never omits the "Hon."

The Northern Pacific Railroad company has let a contract for the burning of 150,000 brick, to be used in the erection of a new railroad depot at Centralia, Washington.

It is stated that many Georgia planters are hauling their cotton in bulk to the factories in order to save the cost of bagging, which has been greatly enhanced by the manipulation of the trust.

At Blackpool, Eng., recently, Miss Annie Johnson essayed the task of staying under water more than 2 minutes 51 1/4 seconds, which ranks as the record achievement. The lady went down and stayed 3 minutes 10 seconds.

The striking dockmen in London, observes the New York World, have succeeded in their demand for an increase of pay. The striking longshoremen in New York failed in their resistance of a reduction in pay. Now what do the protection journals say?

The Toltec statue of the Goddess of Water that has rested for ages near the pyramids of the Moon at San Juan de Testuacan, twenty-seven miles northeast of the City of Mexico, has been raised from its bed and is to be placed in the national museum of Mexico.

It is said that Culman county, Alabama, is the only level, arable and fertile tract of land in the southern states in which there are virtually no negroes. In a census population of more than 15,000, including an area of 1,500 square miles, there are only fourteen negroes.

Washington friends of James G. Blaine Jr. say he determination not to go on the stage after many months of preparation is the result of overtures from Mrs. Blaine's husband, which will result in a reconciliation and the coming together of the husband and wife.

General Mahone, of Virginia, is the son of a tavern-keeper. He walked barefooted to Richmond to secure the governor's aid to enter the Virginia Military Institute. While there he was twitted with being a "poverty pupil." He was a major general at 30 and refused to accept a house offered to him by Virginians at the close of the war.

Minister John F. Swift wrote recently from Tokyo, Japan, to California friends: "I am here now close to three months and well in the harness. I like it, and the climate suits me to perfection. I am now writing in my office with the thermometer at 85 degrees. Eighty-eight here is equal to 110 degrees in California. I have not felt so well for years as I do this morning."

AN expedition to explore and prospect the country along the new Utah railroad from Frisco in Utah to the Needles on the Colorado, will soon take the field. The center of operations of the party will be at the Needles. New stations will be established at various points from which food and water supplies can be drawn, and the country will thus be thoroughly located over.

A remarkable system of carrying little children as passengers seems to have been in practice hitherto upon the Russian railways. The Russian ministry of the interior has just issued an ordinance to all railroad cars prohibiting the "packing" of small children in baskets, to the number of eight in a basket, and forwarding them to the founding houses in the great towns as hand-luggage.

James E. Wilson, New Haven, Conn., a freight conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, was a few years ago at Cape May, where he saved Henry Scott, a wealthy man, of Danville, Ill., from drowning. Scott gave him a hundred dollar bill, and he had nearly forgotten the circumstance. A few days ago he was notified that Mr. Scott had died and left a large legacy of \$10,000 for Wilson.

England's Small Wars.

YOUTH'S Companion: For some time a war on a small scale has been going on in the valley of the Nile, on the southern frontier of Egypt. That country was invaded by a courageous but rude army, composed of people of the Sudan, led by dervishes, who aimed to make a religious conquest. In this army were about 2,500 sable warriors, led by chief named Wad-el-N'jumi.

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100 DOZEN MEN'S JERSEY SHIRTS (Worth Three Dollars Each) \$1.50

500 PAIRS OF GENUINE WOOL TROUSERS (Bargains at Four Dollars) \$3.00

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The celebrated Standard and Star brand of Shirts, Fisk, Clark & Flag's world famous Gloves, Braces and Neckwear, Sutton's Famous Stiff Hats, Stettson's Peerless Soft Hats, Champion Boys' Shirt Waists, E. & W. and Lion brands of Collars and Cuffs, Faultless Night Robes, Shirts made to measure, Custom Made Clothing a Specialty. SNEYER BROS., Atlas Building, Helena.

HARVEST EXCURSIONS.

August 6th and 20th, September 10th and 24th, and October 12th and 26th. The Minneapolis & St. Louis railway ("Albert Lea Route") will sell upon above named dates round trip excursion tickets to points in Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Indian Territory, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, Louisiana and Alabama at the rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets good 30 days from date of sale. Stopovers granted in the territory to which the tickets are sold. For information regarding rates, maps, call on any agent or write to R. S. Hale & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., G. T. & P. A.

Oysters Will Go Up.

New York, Sept. 14.—It is claimed by the wholesale oyster men that the oyster planters have suffered a loss of from \$100,000 to \$200,000 by reason of the storm, and that some of them have been forced out of business and into bankruptcy.

Merit Wins.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them very time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. R. S. Hale & Co., druggists.

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